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Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 17, 2001 in the above-identified patent application for two months, from January 17, 2002 to March 17, 2002.

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